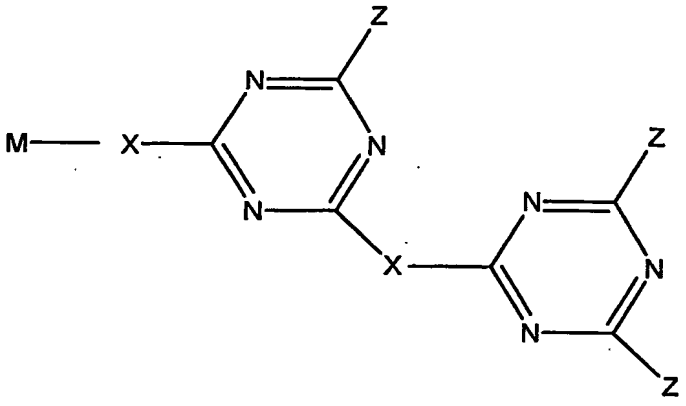
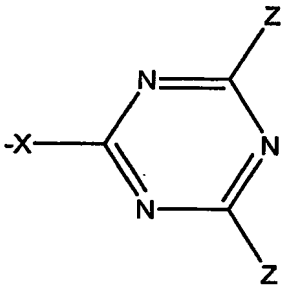
CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula



wherein each Z is the same or different and is



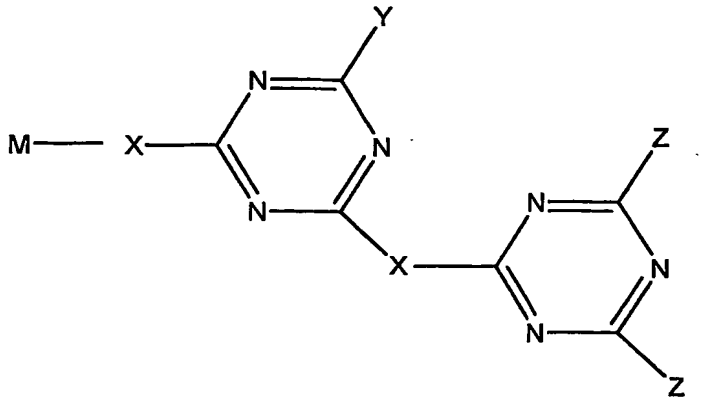
or -Y

wherein each X is the same or different and is a multivalent aminyl group or diaminyl-terminated spacer;

each Y is the same or different aminyl group; and

M is a support matrix.

2. A compound according to claim 1, of the formula

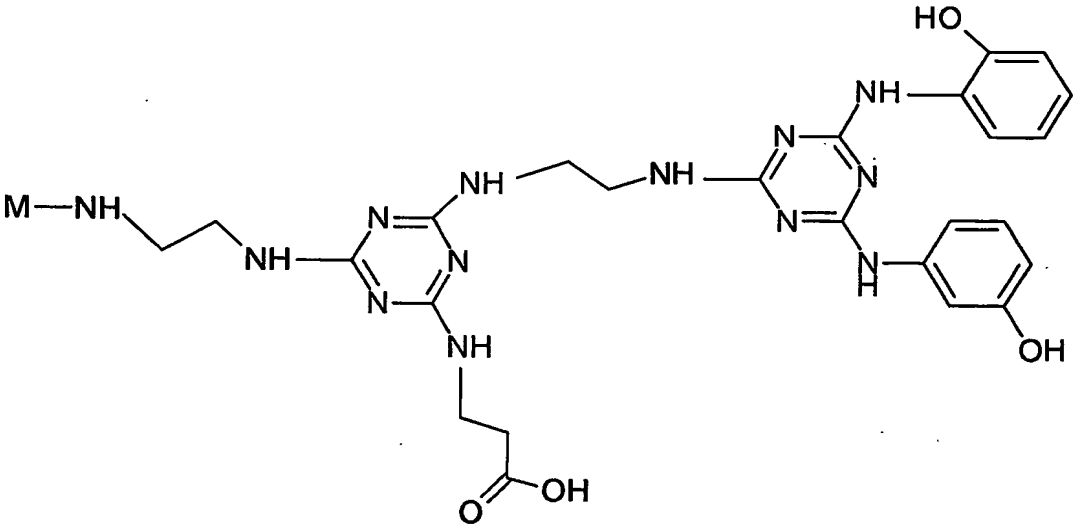


3. A compound according to claim 2, wherein either or each Z is Y.

4. A compound according to any preceding claim, wherein each X independently represents a secondary amino group or a diaminoalkane.

5. A compound according to any preceding claim, wherein each Y is independently selected from optionally substituted aliphatic and aromatic primary amines.

6. A compound according to claim 1, of the formula



7. A compound according to any preceding claim, wherein X linking two triazine rings is derived from ammonia.

8. A compound according to any preceding, wherein X linking two triazine rings is derived from a diaminoalkane.

9. A compound according to any preceding claim, wherein X linking two triazine rings is derived from 1,2-diaminoethane, diethylenetriamine or tris(aminoethyl)amine.

10. A compound according to any preceding claim, which contains 2 or more triazine groups and 3 independently available Y groups.

11. A compound according to any preceding claim, which contains 3 or more triazine groups and 4 independently variable Y groups.

12. A library of related compounds according to any preceding claim on a common support M.

13. A method for the production of a library according to claim 12, which comprises the synthesis of intermediate structures, either singly or in multiples, dividing the structures into smaller portions, and carrying out appropriate subsequent reaction steps.

14. The use of a compound according to any of claims 1 to 11, for the separation, isolation, purification, characterization, identification, quantification or discovery of peptides and proteins.

15. A process for the separation, purification or discovery of a proteinaceous material, which comprises subjecting a sample containing the material to affinity chromatography using a compound according to any of claims 1 to 11.

16. A process according to claim 15, wherein the proteinaceous material is an immunoglobin or a subclass, fragment, precursor or derivative thereof, including fusion proteins, whether derived from natural or recombinant sources.

17. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11, for the removal of contaminants, including toxic or pathogenic entities, from a preparation of biological or pharmaceutical compound.